

Remarks

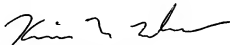
This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 11, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below.

Claims 29 and 30 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1, 5-9, 11-14, and 21-28 have been canceled by Applicants without prejudice. Claims 29 and 30 stand objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 29 and 30 are presented above in independent form containing all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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